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YWCA's Women Of Achievement Award

Congratulations to Chief Terri Wilfong, who was honored as one of the YWCA's Women of Achievement at an awards luncheon on April 3 at the TD Convention Center. The ceremony is held annually to recognize Greenville's most accomplished women. YWCA Women of Achievement are dedicated community servants who are leaders in their respective fields and who serve as role models for other women.



May is Military Appreciation Month. Thank you to those active servicemen and women and to the veterans for your service and dedication.



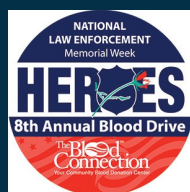
Training Class

Training Officer Corporal M.B. Estes completed an Assault Rifle/Select Firearms Instructor School and is now a certified instructor. The class was held April 18th through the 20th at the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy. The topics covered were proper handling, maintenance, firing, and qualifying of the officer with his or her select firearm.



Also, on April 19th and 20th, the Greenville Police Department co-hosted with Greer Police Department a Female Officer Survival Course. The class covered hands-on physical skills, including Combat Handgun Skills, Ground Fighting, Weapon Retention, and Blocking. The purpose of this course was to improve firearms skills, physical skills, mental preparation, and confidence.

Fallen Officers Memorial Service

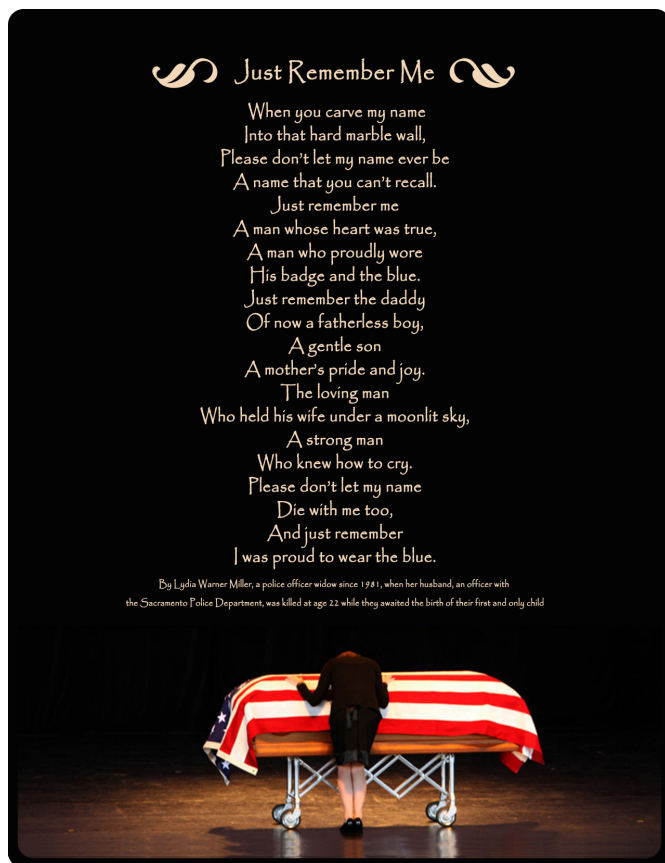


On May 15th at 11 am we will hold our annual Fallen Officers Memorial Service at the Law Enforcement Center. Chief Terri Wilfong will be presenting the Memorial Roll Call. The Greenville Police Department's Honor Guard will be present for the lowering of the United States flag. Other speakers include Captain Michael Warren with the South Carolina Highway Patrol, Chief Deputy John Eldridge with the Greenville County Sheriff's Office. The Blood Connection will also be sponsoring a blood drive in memory of our Nation's fallen officers and will be located in the parking lot if you wish to give blood.

Just Remember Me

When you carve my name
Into that hard marble wall,
Please don't let my name ever be
A name that you can't recall.
Just remember me
A man whose heart was true,
A man who proudly wore
His badge and the blue.
Just remember the daddy
Of now a fatherless boy,
A gentle son
A mother's pride and joy.
The loving man
Who held his wife under a moonlit sky,
A strong man
Who knew how to cry.
Please don't let my name
Die with me too,
And just remember
I was proud to wear the blue.

By Lydia Warner Miller, a police officer widow since 1981, when her husband, an officer with the Sacramento Police Department, was killed at age 22 while they awaited the birth of their first and only child



Cops, Doughnuts, and Special Olympics



Special Olympics kicked off April 11th with opening ceremonies at Furman University's Timmons Arena. The festivities began at the Greenville County Law Enforcement Center with the annual torch run involving law enforcement from multiple agencies. The torch was carried from the front of the LEC to Timmons Arena, and passed off to one of the Special Olympics athletes.

This event is a precursor to the annual "Cops on Top of a Doughnut Shop" fundraiser for Special Olympics that will begin Friday, June 8 at 6am. Lt. J.B. Browning and Major G.M. Gambrell, along with several other Law Enforcement Officers from other agencies, will spend 39 hours straight on top of the Krispy Kreme Doughnut Shop located at 302 N. Pleasantburg Dr. The goal is to raise \$20,000 for Special Olympics. Below is the link if you'd like to donate money and are unable to make it out to Krispy Kreme: www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/gcsogpd/copsontopofadoughnutshop.



On March 30th, Officers J. Digirolamo and T.Z. Moore observed a suspicious vehicle while on routine patrol. When Officer Digirolamo ran the vehicle's tag, he discovered the vehicle was stolen and initiated a traffic stop. The vehicle pulled into the parking lot of an apartment community and the driver jumped out of the car and ran from the officers. A resident came out to see why police officers were searching around her apartment and when she went back into her apartment, the suspect was standing inside. She yelled at the suspect to get out, at which point officers were able to apprehend him. Suspect was arrested and charged with Possession of Stolen Vehicle, DUS 3rd and Above, and Burglary.

Cpl W.M. Mize responded on March 31st to the area of Pete Hollis Boulevard in reference to a suspicious person sitting inside a victim's vehicle. Suspect was apprehended and various items from the victim's vehicle were found on the suspect's person. Suspect was arrested and charged with Autobreaking: Petit Larceny.

On April 13th, Cpl J.H. Blassingame responded to an armed robbery that had just occurred. Victim stated that he asked for a ride home from the suspect but on the way the suspect stopped the car, pulled out a



gun and demanded the victim give him all his money. Victim was able to escape and ran to the nearby gas station and called the police. Cpl Blassingame noticed the suspect's vehicle was parked in between the gas pumps and made contact with the suspect as he came from the back of the building. Victim's money was found on the suspect and he was arrested for Armed Robbery, Pointing/Presenting a Firearm, and Public Intoxication.

Officers J.D. Bragg and M.T. Dispenza responded to the parking lot of Whole Foods Market on April 14th in reference to two suspicious people looking into vehicles. The complainants stated they observed the suspects pulling on door handles and going from car to car. They gained access to one vehicle and were looking all around inside and in the trunk.

Suspects were charged with Tampering with Vehicle and Possession of Burglary Tools.

On April 22nd, a resident called in to report two suspicious people in the Springwood Cemetery and noises that sounded like headstones being pushed over. Sgt T.M. Pearson and Officers E.C. Burgess and J.M. Plonk made contact with two suspicious males near Main Street and Park Avenue. Cpl Blair and his K-9 were able to trace from the cemetery to the current location of the suspects to confirm they had been inside and at the site of the damaged tombstones. Estimated damage was over \$400. One suspect was arrested and charged with Cemetery-Malicious Damage over \$400 and the other, a juvenile, was taken to Juvenile Detention.



Upcoming Events in the City



On May 5th, the TD Saturday Market opens at 8 am until 12 pm and will be every Saturday until the end of October. Select from the finest in-season produce, gourmet foods and fresh-cut flowers, locally grown and delivered to the market each week. There will be live music and interactive events that appeal to a wide variety of interests. More than 50 vendors make shopping local easy. Main Street from Washington Street to Court Street will be closed from 5 am until around 2 pm.



Artisphere will begin on Friday May 11th at 4 pm. This annual signature event for Greenville showcases the arts, reflects the area's international flair, and maximizes existing arts programs by providing a diverse menu of experiences that centers around the arts. Road closure will begin Friday the 11th at 4:00 in the morning on Main Street from Court Street to Augusta Street, Camperdown from Rhett Street to Main Street, and Broad Street from Falls Street to S Laurens Street. The roads should reopen around 11:00 in the evening on Sunday the 13th.

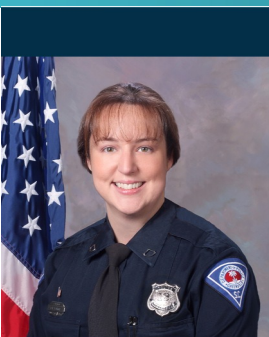


Thursday, May 17th at 10 am the Saint George Greek Festival will begin. This event is a Fundraiser for Saint George Greek Orthodox Cathedral with food, alcohol, entertainment and crafts. Road closures will begin on May 17th at 7 am on Elford Street from Academy Street to Townes Avenue and will remain closed until 7 am on May 21st.



Great Scot! The parade will start at 6:00pm at the intersection of W. North Street and N. Main Street May 25th. There will be pipe bands, marching clans, Scottish Chiefs, a multitude of Scottish-themed entries, floats, a Scottish Woods Fairy and the Scottish Fairy Godmother, Braveheart, Axe-throwers, Longbow Archers, and Scottish military re-enactors. There will be two Marine Corps Bands in a dazzling display of the best marching bands in the country. There will also be six Royal Highland Fusiliers combined with US Marines for an absolutely stunning Color Guard. Road closure will begin at 4:00 in the afternoon starting at Townes Street and Elford Street, down Main Street to Camperdown Way. Around 8:00 pm, roads will reopen.

Starting May 26th, the USA Cycling PRO Championships Road Race is back. Saturday the 26th will be the time trials at I-CAR. Millennium Blvd from Research Drive to Old Sulphur Springs will be closed from 7:30 in the morning until 3:00 in the afternoon. On Sunday the 27th beginning at 2:00 pm, Main Street from Court Street to Washington Street and McBee Avenue from Spring Street to S Laurens Street will be closed. Monday the 28th, the expo and hospitality will open at 11:00am and the Pro race will officially start at 12:00pm at the intersection of South Main Street and McBee Avenue. Throughout the day during the race, various streets will be shut down until all cyclists have passed. For more road closure details or the course map, go to www.usacyclingchampionships.com.



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